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## ACREAGE – JUNE 2018

### NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is up 4 percent from 2017 to 935,000 acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

New Mexico **corn** producers planted 120,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 45,000 acres for grain, up from 43,000 acres harvested in 2017. This is an increase of 5 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage, but a 4 percent decrease in planted acreage for all purposes. **Sorghum** plantings, at 110,000 acres, increased 29 percent from the previous year and acreage expected to be harvested for grain, at 50,000 acres, increased 4 percent.

**Winter wheat** producers planted 350,000 acres for harvest in 2018, up from 330,000 acres planted for the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain decreased 35,000 acres from last year to 100,000 acres.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to decrease 20,000 from a year ago to 260,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to decrease 10,000 acres to 180,000 acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to decrease 10,000 acres to 80,000 acres. **Peanut** growers planted an estimated 8,000 acres, up 400 acres from 2017. Harvested acreage is expected to total 8,000 acres, up 400 acres from last year.

Acreage planted to **upland cotton** is estimated at 80,000 acres, up 14,000 acres from last year. **American-Pima cotton** planted area, at 7,000 acres, is down 500 acres from 2017.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** planted area for all purposes in 2018 is estimated at 89.1 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acres are down or unchanged in 31 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 81.8 million acres, is down 1 percent from last year.

Area planted to **sorghum** in 2018 is estimated at 6.04 million acres up 7 percent from last year. Kansas and Texas, the leading sorghum-producing States, account for 74 percent of the United States acreage. Acres planted to sorghum in the Delta region continue to decrease. Arkansas planted area is estimated to be the second lowest on record, a record low is estimated in Mississippi, and Louisiana planted area is the lowest since 1962. Growers expect to harvest 5.29 million acres for grain, up 5 percent from last year.

**All wheat** planted area for 2018 is estimated at 47.8 million acres, up 4 percent from 2017. This represents the second lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2018 **winter wheat** planted area, at 32.7 million acres, is up less than 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.89 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.62 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2018 is estimated at 13.2 million acres, up 20 percent from 2017. Of this total, about 12.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2018 is estimated at 1.89 million acres, down 18 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 55.1 million acres of **all hay** in 2018, up 2 percent from 2017. If realized, this will represent the highest total hay harvested area since 2014. The increase in acreage is primarily due to a 5 percent increase in **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** acreage compared to 2017; however, **all other hay** (excluding alfalfa) is also up 1 percent. Producers in the Upper Midwest and Northern Plains are optimistic about harvesting more acres than last year to replenish hay stocks.

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Planted area for **peanuts** is estimated at 1.50 million acres in 2018, down 20 percent from 2017 and the lowest planted area since 2014. Area for harvest is forecast at 1.46 million acres, down 18 percent from last year. In Georgia, the largest peanut-producing State, planted area is down 16 percent from 2017. As of June 24, sixty-five percent of the crop was rated in good to excellent condition, compared with 75 percent rated in these two categories at the same time last year.

**All cotton** planted area for 2018 is estimated at 13.5 million acres, 7 percent above last year. **Upland** area is estimated at 13.3 million acres, up 7 percent from 2017. **American Pima** area is estimated at 243,000 acres, down 4 percent from 2017.

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